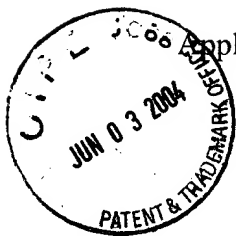


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Amendment A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 03/01/2004, please amend the above application as follows:

Specification

Page 3, line 9, change "Wide Wide" to —Wide Web—

Claims: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 29-56 as follows.

29. A system that assembles sort criteria for an information sorting mechanism, the system comprising:

an instruction port configured to receive optional primary sort criteria, the primary sort criteria comprising every sort criteria specified by a user, the primary sort criteria